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The Sussex County Court House is the focal point of the village of Sussex encompassing the intersection of Routes 735 and 634 just south

of State Route 40. The court house complex, including the clerk's office, the court house, the County Office Building, jail and the Dillard House stand on the west side of 735. The two-story, seven-bay brick court house has a gable roof with a central pedimented pavillion and a cupola. The walls are laid in very even Flemish bond which has been painted since its construction. The three-bay pavillion is one-bay deep and becomes an open arcade on the ground floor with five rounded arches each having a white keystone, a white washed stuccoed soffit, and a spring line marked by two courses of corbelled brick. A modern six-bay brick structure with a gable roof and end pediment was added to the three-bay T of the original building in 1954. A semicircular window with tulip muntins is centered in the pediment The doors, the door and window frames, the sashes (nine-over-nine), and the louvered shutters are original.

The court room on the second floor is approached by stairs (not original) ascending to the right of a vestibule just inside the door. Tiers holding the wooden benches arise from the floor in front of the judge's bench, creating an amphitheatre. The west wall and the front of the bench are covered with panelling. This room apparently was originally two stories in height with a gallery in the east end. Rooms, the depth of the main section, open off each side of the east end of the court room. These rooms have simple mantels and molded chair rails.

The clerk's office, built 1924, is a brick, one-story, threebay, temple-form building and stands south of the court house. Four engaged Tuscan columns support a pediment. A semicircular window with fans is centered in this pediment. The walls are laid in common bond with six courses of stretchers. The County Office Building, a onestory pedimented temple-form structure similar to the clerk's office, was built in the 1950's. The brick jail buildings stand to the west of the court house.

North of the court house and the County Office Building, facing onto the square, is the circa 1800 Dillard House. This frame, two-story, five-bay structure is covered with white clapboards, some of which are beaded, and has a gable roof. There are three brick Tidewater style chimneys, two on the east, one on the west, each with elaborate corbelled and mousetoothed caps. A shed porch supported by Tuscan columns shelters the first floor of the south facade and part of the east end.

The mid-nineteenth century county treasurer's office (now Sussex County Farm Bureau and Early Settlers Insurance Company Offices) stands on the east side of Route 735 facing the Court House Square. It is a brick one-story, two-bay structure with a steeply pitched gable roof. All four walls are laid in common bond with four courses of stretchers to one of headers. There is an interior-end chimney on the north and a frame ell on the east.

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Sussex County was formed in 1753 from the southern part of Surry County, and took its name from the shire of Sussex lying south of Surrey in England. The first court house was built in 1755-6 at the approximate center of the county. A new court house (the present one) built by Dabney Cosby, the builder of Goochland Court House, and a mason employed by Thomas Jefferson for the building of the University of Virginia, was completed near the site of the first in 1828.

The Sussex County Court House is a member of a significant group of court houses in Virginia directly inspired by the architecture of Thomas Jefferson. The masons and carpenters at the University were deeply influenced by Jefferson's designs and they carried his style over into their own work, examples of which can be found throughout the Commonwealth. Sussex Court House is not only composed of classical elements and proportions advocated by Jefferson, who felt that the Roman mode was eminently suitable for a young Republic, but it also exhibits the fine craftsmanship demanded by Jefferson of his workers. The arcade used on the building is a continuation of a traditional feature of public buildings in Virginia, and parallels the English Renaissance town hall with a gable end facade with an arcade on the ground level.

In Virginia the court house, the seat of local government. has in many instances become the center of a town serving the county as a commercial center. At Sussex the court house village retains its cross-roads rural setting and nineteenth century character. village with the court house as its focal point is composed largely of buildings essential to the function of county government. tures of interest, other than those pertaining directly to county business, such as the Clerk's and Treasurer's Offices and the County Building, are the Dillard House, occupied at one time by the tavern keeper and possibly housing the tavern itself, and the Bannister House, formerly a girls' school. In 1847 the square in front of the Court House was considered to be "hemmed in on the North by a large private building," on the south by a tavern and by stables on the south and northwest. The resultant crowding left no room for a pillory, shipping post or gallows. Other disadvantages included an abundance of mud in wet weather and dust in dry. A movement to change

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Standing in a grove of trees to the northeast of the Treasurer's Office is the John Bannister House, a white clapboard, two-story, five-bay structure. It has a gable roof and exterior end chimneys. It retains the original window trim and six-over-six sashes. A one-bay porch supported by four piers shelters the west door, and a similar porch, with two piers, the north door.

The structures clustered around the court house and square grew up, for the most part, as dictates exigencies of county political and legal activity. Despite the intrusion of a few modern structures, Sussex, with its brick county buildings and its shaded white frame residences, retains the aura of a nineteenth century court house village.

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the location, however, could not muster sufficient support, and the Court House remained in its present location, Although some of the 1847 buildings no longer stand and others have been added, Sussex's county seat remains an important example of a cross-roads court house village with an architecturally outstanding court building.

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